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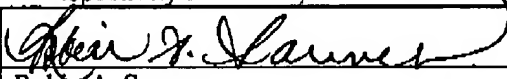
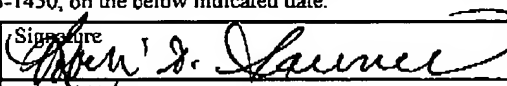
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

A telephone interview occurred on February 28, 2006 between the Examiner and Robin A. Sannes, representative for the Applicants. The Examiner called Ms. Sannes to discuss a species restriction. Group I was an impact indicator that is a mark on the D-ring. Group II was an impact indicator that is a clip member. Group III was an impact indicator that is a change of appearance of the dorsal pad assembly. Group IV was an impact indicator that is an ink filled pellet. Ms. Sannes elected Group I without traverse.

A telephone interview occurred on April 3, 2006 between the Examiner and Robin A. Sannes, representative for the Applicants. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview. No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted. The Examiner and Ms. Sannes discussed claims 1, 24, and 34 and U.S. Patent 5,203,829 to Fisk et al.

An agreement was made between the Examiner and Ms. Sannes as follows: Claim 1 would be amended to recite a spring member rather than a biasing mechanism and claim 2 would be canceled. Claims 3 and 9 would be placed in independent form as claims 45 and 46,

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respectively, and claims 3 and 9 would be canceled. Claim 10 would be amended to depend upon claim 46. Claim 11 would be amended to recite "an impact indicator". Claim 25 would be recited as subclaim c) in claim 24 and claim 25 would be canceled. Claim 35 would be recited in subclaim c) in claim 34 and claim 35 would be canceled. Claims 42 and 43 would be amended to recite "means" rather than "mechanism". Claims 1, 21, 24, 28, 29, and 34 would recite "the second position being a connected operating position to a safety device". The election of Group I is now immaterial because generic claims have been allowed.

It was also agreed the Examiner would do an Examiner's Amendment, which would place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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